

## PREVIEW

# The Earth on Turtle's Back

## from the Onondaga

**Summary** The Onondaga are one of the Iroquois tribes. In this story, they tell about a time before Earth was above water. A brave muskrat brings a tiny piece of earth out of the water to help a woman who falls from the sky. A turtle's back then becomes the base for Earth. Then, life on Earth begins. A story such as this helps the reader understand the beliefs and thinking of the Onondaga people.



### Note-taking Guide

Use this diagram to record events in the order in which they happen in this story.

<b>1. Beginning Event</b> Chief pulls up the Great Tree	<b>2.</b>	<b>3.</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>5.</b>	<b>6.</b>
<b>7. Final Outcome</b>		